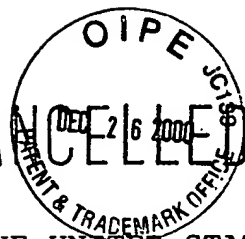


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SOICHIRO KAWAKAMI ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/676,090) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 2, 2000)
For: A PHOTOVOLTAIC ELEMENT,)
PROCESS FOR THE)
PRODUCTION THEREOF,)
METHOD FOR REMOVING A)
COVER PORTION OF A)
COVERED WIRE, AND METHOD :
FOR JOINING A COVERED)
WIRE AND A CONDUCTOR : December 21, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for this non-English document JP 9-213286 is provided in the form of an English language abstract and in the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of

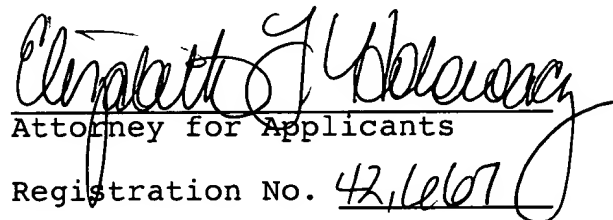
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the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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